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Development setbacks from stream banks and lake shorelines are an important tool for protecting water quality. Riparian vegetation provides natural filtration of stormwater runoff and provides numerous other benefits to promote healthy surface water ecology. DEQ recognizes that there are sometimes unique circumstances that may justify reduced setbacks. While an individual variance likely has a relatively small impact on water quality, the cumulative impact of development in close proximity to shorelines and stream banks is a significant threat to water quality. DEQ advises local government planning departments to maintain established setbacks whenever possible. Exceptions should be considered carefully by the local jurisdiction and used only when absolutely necessary to accommodate unique circumstances.

Thank you,

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The above-named application has been submitted to the Bonner County Planning Department for processing.

Please review the application relative to your agency's area of expertise and include any recommended conditions of approval and supporting code sections. Please see attached for details.

Thank you,

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